



Headteacher's Blog

Friday 15th November 2019.

Dear Parents/ Carers,
Welcome to our weekly blog. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any ideas of how to make our school even better or would like to offer to help in school in some way.
Kind regards,
Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



PTA Fundraising - Christmas Fayre Success

Thank you the PTA for organising, and to everyone who supported this event. The budding entrepreneurs in Class 2 and 3 made £163! This has been used to directly pay for the transport to Seahouses Hub. Well done everyone.



New Fundraising Idea - Movie Night

As we are part of Into Film Club we will be hosting a Movie Night open to Year 1 - Year 6 children on the last Friday of every month. There will be a choice of films for the children to enjoy. The first showing will be on Friday 29th November 3.30 - 5.30p.m. and the cost of a ticket will be £3.50 which will be a snack, drink and entrance fee. There will be more snacks and drinks available to buy on the evening. Children can bring a change of clothes if they wish. Families £ 6.00 in total. Please see letter to follow.

The Book People - Big Book Boost

If you are buying your child books for Christmas, please go to www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost and select our school. Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order over £10 and select our school, they'll donate £1 for us to spend on books!

Reading at home

I am enjoying listening to readers in all the classrooms from Year 1 to Year 6 at the moment, we have some amazing readers. Thank you for supporting us by hearing your child read and signing your child's Reading Record regularly. Thank you to Toni Marsden who comes into school to hear readers in Class 1. If you think you would be suited to this and could spare a couple of hours every week please let me know.



PTA Fundraising and Events Continued

Following our PTA meeting on Monday we really would like to carry on with the Christmas Shop this year as it is so enjoyable for the children. To those parents who are new to school here is a brief rundown of what happens.

Behind the scenes - the run up to the day. Families collect new or nearly new unwanted gifts for ladies, men and children and send them into school.

A letter is sent out so that children and their families can decide who are they going to buy presents for. There is usually a limit of 4 items - 2 children (these items are sold at 50p each) and 2 adults (these items are sold at £1 each).

On the day- Children come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper or festive hat/ clothes and their list with money in a sealed envelope and a carrier bag. Santa's Elves (PTA and friends) help them shop for presents, wrap them, label them and then they are ready to go under your Christmas Tree!

Please help us keep up this wonderful tradition and send items to school. In addition, there will be a **Non Uniform Day on Friday 22nd November- children wear their choice of clothes and donate a new or nearly new item suitable to give as a gift to a man or a woman.**

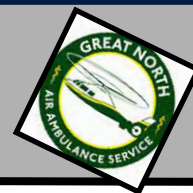
Class 1 updates -We have just heard final confirmation of our trip to Sainsbury's Bakery and Alnwick Fire Station which will enhance the Great Fire of London topic on Wednesday 27th November - letter to follow. We will also be taking part in a Willow Lantern Making Workshop with Toni Dunn who will be coming from Alnwick Gardens to work with us in school on Monday 19th November.

If you have any messages specifically for Miss Donkin they can be either written in the Reading Record OR sent to our Admin email address for the attention of Miss Donkin but please note we are unable to respond to emails during teaching time or early mornings and late evenings.



Daily Mile Track

As you all know we have seen lots of rain for the past month! Our Daily Mile track has settled and needs more sub-base which was expected. This will be done when we get a dry moment!



Thank you - Our Air Ambulance collection raised £134 for school.

Aldi Stickers

Thank you to everyone who supported this. We were able to completely cover 1 poster meaning that we are eligible for the £20,000 prize draw. Fingers crossed!

Road Safety

The parking and safe dismissal of children at the end of the day has been an ongoing concern. NCC are currently working on a safe solution for us all. I will be in touch as soon as I hear any news.